

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Prior to entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-15 were pending in this application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has objected to Claims 4-7, 9 and 13-15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would allow these claims if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Please cancel Claims 4 and 13.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Ito* (JP409130284A). Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the language originally contained in Claim 4, now cancelled, and Claim 10 has been amended to include the language originally contained in Claim 13, now cancelled. Likewise, Claims 5-6, 9 and 14, have been amended to conform their claim dependencies to the amended claims. As previously mentioned, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 4 and 13 would be allowable if properly rewritten in independent form. Therefore, it is respectfully asserted that Claims 1-3, 8 and 10-12 are distinguishable over *Ito*. Accordingly, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of Claims 1-3, 8 and 10-12 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Claims 2-3 and 11-12 have been amended strictly to improve the claim wording, and Claims 5, 7, 9 and 14-15 have been amended to delete the redundant word “message” after “Voice OGM” in those claims, since “OGM” already includes the word “message”.

Independent Claims 1 and 10 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-12 and 14-15, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended

independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-3, 5-9, 11-12 and 14-15 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-15, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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